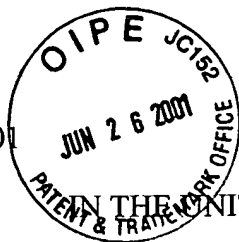


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/726,342 to NAKASHIMA, entitled "Electronic

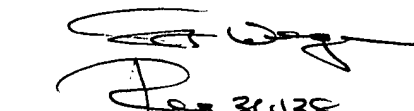
Endoscope", which was filed on December 1, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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